

WORK UP AT LOWCAPITA

Rescue Troop Leaders and Co-operators Put Rock Island Among Vanquished in Nation.

The outstanding feature of the Boy Scout work in Rock Island the last year as well as the year previous, is that this city ranks first in the entire country on efficient work with the funds at its disposal. A per capita expenditure of \$4.18 is the local council's record, while the average expenditure throughout the country is \$1.75 and some councils run as high as \$52. Close to 700 scouts are enrolled in the 25 active troops.

The splendid type of men who are serving the local council as troop leaders are deserving of all possible credit. These men have given from one to two nights each week to the scout movement as volunteer leaders. Scoutmaster William Rink of troop No. 1 is the veteran in point of local service, having been in scouting seven years.

The Boy Scout band has continued to grow in membership and under the splendid leadership of Director Albert N. Hoelscher it is now regarded as one of the best bands in the country. The local Rotary club has furnished funds and much needed instruments and also took the band with it to the big Rotary meeting in Kewanee this fall. The band has also appeared in concerts at Fort Byron, Blue Grass, Alledo, Cambridge, and at the teachers' convention and furnished the musical program for the WOC radio station.

Camp Busy in Summer.

Camp Winnie-Taska was a busy place during the summer months. Scouts from the various troops were conveyed in a new covered truck purchased by the camp committee and made possible through the courtesy of the Hersey & Stricker company, which has on various occasions shown its interest in the scouts. The camp was open eight weeks during which time nearly 300 boys were guests. Boys going to camp followed a scout schedule of instruction and did their own cooking under supervision. Since each one going to camp furnished his own food, there was no additional expense, and boys from all manner of homes were able to go camping.

The Eagles Nest composed of Eagle scouts of the city has grown from nine to 16. Regular meetings of this group have been held and during the summer a week's trip by truck was made to Chicago, Kenosha, Lake Geneva and other interesting places. New Eagle scouts during the year were Kenneth Hartman, Ben Haddick and Adelbert Keeley of troop No. 2. Herbert Ryerson, Harry Mettler and Carl Bliesener of troop No. 1, and Hayes Murphy of troop No. 22.

The Wolf Cub pack of younger boys has had a large number of hikes under the direction of its cubmaster, Ben Jacobsen.

The Sea Scout group under the leadership of Skipper Frank C. Huntoon has done some splendid work of interest to older boys. Handicapped during the summer by lack of a boat, the group has now set about drawing plans of its own and hopes to build one.

Do Public Service.

The Boy Scout organization had hundreds of its members on duty during the national grotto convention in June and also during the state convention of the American Legion in September. Letters of appreciation and commendation from these organizations have been received. The scouts render service to the Near East Relief in way of poster distribution and aided in the sale of tuberculosis seals in December.

During the year it has been a pleasure of the local headquarters to add George L. Booth to the staff as assistant scout executive. His coming has made it possible for more supervision being given to the individual troops and more work. Mr. Booth is well versed in our door scouting and as supervisor of the scout camp at Winnie-Taska during the summer did much to aid to the pleasure of the local scouts.

MISSION LENDS HAND TO NEEDY

Continues Quiet, Effective Work in Emergencies and Advances Cause of Religion.

Quietly, effectively and continuously "on the job", the Rock Island Rescue mission during the last year has pursued its work, which has assumed a permanent place among the welfare agencies of the city. The annual report of James Daubney, its superintendent, reveals the scope of the service it has rendered and the means in which it operates.

Resume of the year shows that 6,142 men and boys were lodged at the Rescue mission during 1922, 8,008 meals served, 2,304 articles of clothing were fumigated, 1,033 articles of clothing, footwear, shoes and hats given to needy applicants; 2,073 free shower baths provided and 33 sick men were given temporary care. Of the total who applied for aid, 1,025 worked for help and 250 requested prayers.

The year has been a hard one according to Superintendent Daubney, but many problems, he states, have been solved "because the people used the Rescue mission as a clearing house."

"Faith without work does not win at the mission," says the superintendent. "People are just as much in need of the gospel when they are as when drunk. The mission is a house showing the way to eternal safety. It is maintained to care for the young and old, the lame, sick and blind."

Meetings are held every evening.

WELFARE MEETS DIFFICULT YEAR

Winter of Hardships Tests Capabilities of Organization; Emerges Successfully.

During the past year the work of the Rock Island Welfare association has been the heaviest and most difficult in the history of the organization.

The year began in the midst of the unemployment disaster of last winter, and a disaster it was for everywhere shops and factories were closed, making it impossible for even the most self-respecting and independent laborer to find work. Three hundred and twenty of the 510 families known to the organization made their first visit to the office last winter.

To meet this disaster food and clothing had to be bought at wholesale and dispensed from the association rooms.

4,000 cartons of food were distributed. 2,850 garments were given out. 1,250 visits were made to the homes.

5,980 office calls were received. Although there is not now widespread unemployment, work is irregular and wages small. Daily the organization is called upon to give emergency relief to families in which the wage earner is temporarily unemployed, ill or unimpaired of his responsibilities. In all these cases it tries to help families to help themselves by:

Providing adequate relief until the need is over.

Securing legal or medical advice and service.

Trying to find employment for those needing it.

Cooperating with other social agencies and interested persons.

This work has and can be accomplished only with the help and cooperation of the community. Will you continue to:

Report all cases of distress coming to your notice.

Communicate with the office before giving assistance to strangers. They may be known.

Telephone before believing that the Welfare association has refused help to anyone. If so, there is a reason.

Refer all beggars and solicitors to the office.

Contribute generously to the Community fund.

Officers of the association are: President—M. E. Strieter. Vice president—Mrs. C. L. Silvis. Secretary—Mrs. D. N. Simonson. Treasurer—T. A. Murphy.

LACK OF WATER RESULTS IN BIG 1922 FIRE LOSS

East Moline's total fire loss in 1922 was \$28,455. This is nearly five times greater than that of 1921. More than half of the loss resulted from lack of water. Four of the biggest fires of the year were in districts that are without city water connections. Three residences in Cottage Grove addition which were destroyed by fire had an aggregate value of \$10,350.

The destruction of the Carlson residence and garage on First street, south of Seventeenth avenue represented the biggest single loss, \$4,000. As in the case of the Cottage Grove fire the firemen were without the aid of water to combat the flames.

The fire loss in 1921 was approximately \$6,000, while the calls numbered 17. In 1922 there were 65 calls, 5,950 feet of hose were laid, 75 gallons of chemicals were used, and the fire truck covered 91 miles.

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STEADY WORK MEETS NEEDS

Constant Not Spectacular Program in Service of Youth of Rock Island.

BY G. J. STIRRATT. General Secretary Y. M. C. A. Accomplishments of the Y. M. C. A. have been characterized not so much by the spectacular, as by the steady, progressive work which builds not only for the present but for the future as well.

Every department of the association has been maintained throughout the year with a high degree of interest apparent in all phases of the work. The period of business and financial depression has affected the work of the association in all departments, so that receipts and activities have been curtailed somewhat. The remarkable thing, however, is that the business of the association has been carried on successfully and efficiently when business in general was so seriously affected.

The most extensive of these repairs and improvements was the laying of a terrace floor in the boys' lobby, the decorating and redecorating of the 100 dormitory rooms and hallways, the purchase of new rugs for the dormitory rooms, electrical rewiring for the swimming pool room, installing a new hot water heater in the basement, upholstering chairs and settees both in the boys' department and the main lobby, and improvements of a minor nature.

Special emphasis has been placed this past year on the work for the boys. In order that the older boys might have more privileges, and find the association a more pleasing and profitable place in which to spend their leisure time, the reading room in the main lobby was moved from the south to the north end of the room, in front of the office, while the former space was fitted up with a number of game tables, and turned over to the older boys.

The experiment of allowing the older boys and the seniors to mingle together in the main lobby was a decided innovation so far as the Rock Island association was concerned, but due to the cordial cooperation of both groups, it has worked out in a decidedly successful manner.

This arrangement has left the boys' lobby free to the younger boys who have their recreation room to themselves.

Regular gym classes and swimming periods have been maintained throughout the year for all boys in the boys' department, thus building the boys physically as well as mentally. Six bible classes and clubs were conducted in the boys' department during the fall and winter months. Fourteen boys in the association were successful in passing examinations, and secured diplomas from the International committee of New York.

The Rock Island boys' department was sixth in the state in number of such diplomas awarded. Danville was first with 99, Peoria second with 38, Hyde Park 18, Moline 16, Springfield 15 and Rock Island 14. This year many more boys are taking bible study work, and the number of certificates, it is hoped, will be much greater.

The state Y. M. C. A. older boys' conference in Peoria, Dec. 1, 2 and 3 was a great occasion in the lives of the delegates who went from Rock Island. The trip to Peoria and return was made in a truck donated for the occasion by John H. Hauberg, thus reducing the expense of the trip and enabled boys to attend who would otherwise have been deprived of the privilege.

Two H-Y clubs have been in operation this year. The first club, the Junior H-Y, includes boys in the freshmen and sophomore classes of the high school, while the senior H-Y is composed of the boys in the junior and senior classes. On alternate Thursday evenings during most of the months a free moving picture entertainment was sponsored, and all boys of the community regardless of membership have been invited.

The association followed out its usual practice during the year and remembered the boys of the community, regardless of membership at its annual watermelon feed, Halloween program and entertainment, Christmas celebration when each boy was given a present by the association, and on numerous other occasions which always add interest and delight to the boys.

Father and Son night was celebrated with proper observance. The men in the community were invited to the association and were given a special dinner where they were treated to a special program of entertainment.

In addition to all this, numerous hikes, educational troops, baseball leagues, tennis tournaments, ping-pong tournaments, picnics and other amusements, made up a continuous yearly program.

In addition to the regular physical department schedule of 20 gym classes weekly for the membership, considerable extension work was done for those not connected with the association. In order to accom-

modate the boys and young men in the community surrounding the association, a shower bath and swimming pool were installed.

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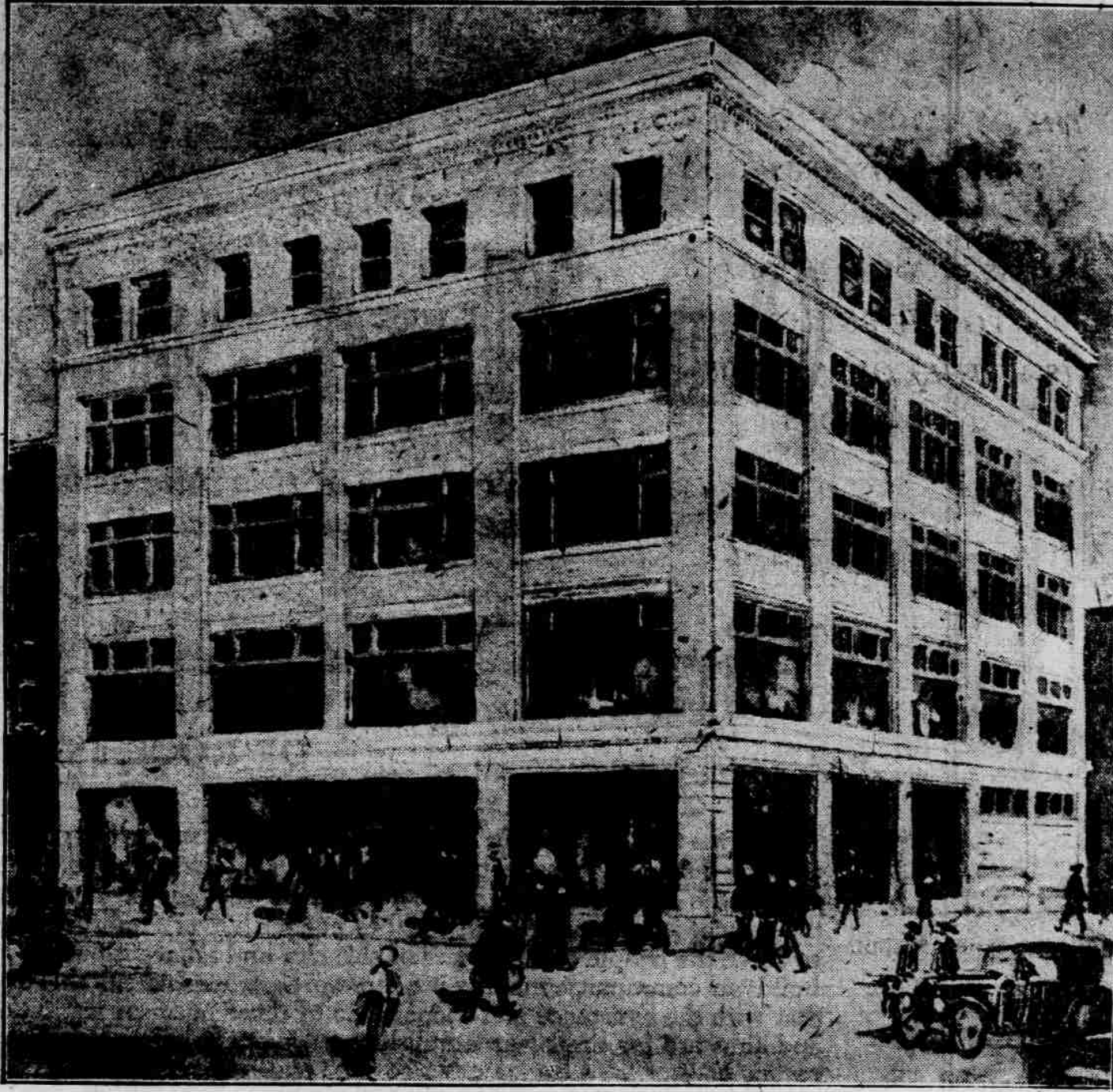
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